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The Baily Tar Heel

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A year of crisis

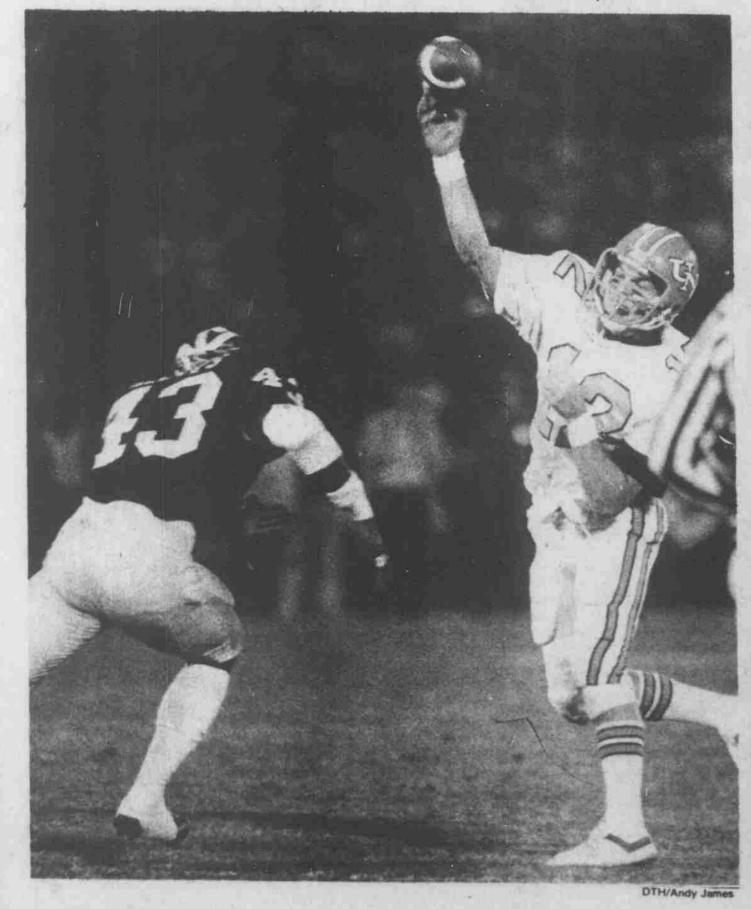
The orange and russet days of Fall 1979 were shattered abruptly on Nov. 4, when militant students in Iran seized the U.S. Embassy there and held 50 Americans hostage. The seizure, influenced by Iran's popular leader, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, caused widespread alarm in America and prompted President Jimmy Carter to ask Congress for the reinstatement of draft registration.

Despite the pall of concern cast by the situation in Iran, life went on as usual at Carolina. Snow fell in North Carolina—and fell, and fell; coastal areas reported as much as a 25-inch accumulation on at least two separate occasions. The Tar Heel football team finished a 7-3-1 season and went on to defeat the Michigan Wolverines, 17-15, in a Dec. 28 Gator Bowl win.

The UNC administrative guard underwent major changes: Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor ended eight years in that position Jan. 31, and Christopher C. Fordham III was named to succeed Taylor. Carolina's director of athletics, William Cobey, resigned to run for N.C. lieutenant governor, with John Swofford moving up from assistant director of athletics to take the top position.

The American economy, meanwhile, continued to mystify experts as inflation climbed to nearly 18 percent before the long-predicted recession finally appeared. Prices of beer, a popular commodity in Chapel Hill, showed the rapid climb of living costs.











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